CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	329168.jpg
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Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Lower Hutt
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	04 February 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The file has a small, somewhat blurred image that shows a girl who presents as a young teenager displaying her body for the camera in a semi-naked sexual pose. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young people. Images such as this encourage viewers to see young teenage girls as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.